The A2LA Forensic Accreditation Program – An Overview

Join us for a free introductory webinar on the A2LA Forensic Accreditation Program. During the presentation you will receive information on A2LA, an overview of A2LA’s ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17020, and FBI QAS options for forensic customers, and updates and changes to A2LA’s forensic supplemental requirements will be addressed. We will also go over other complementary services that A2LA offers that can support your organization as it pursues A2LA accreditation. A short Q&A will follow the presentation and so, please bring your questions and we’ll be happy to answer them!

**August 2, 2018 @ 2pm EST**
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**August 30, 2018 @2pm EST**
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**October 9, 2018 @2pm EST**
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International Accreditation and A2LA

Join us for a free introductory webinar to learn about A2LA and its process for ISO/IEC accreditation (including application, assessment, post-assessment and final accreditation decision). An experienced A2LA staff member will walk you through steps for applying and the requirements documents you will use throughout the process. We will also go over other complementary services that A2LA offers that can support your organization as it pursues A2LA accreditation. Bring your questions and we’ll be happy to answer them!

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A2LA Accreditation Programs – Open Q&A

Join A2LA staff in a public Q&A!

Each month A2LA hosts an open Q&A where you can submit your questions and get answers. Whether you’re getting ready to apply, have already applied, or are a long-term customer, we are here to hear you and provide you with information.
Questions will be accepted at the time of registration and will be answered in the order they are received. Additional questions may be posed during the session, but may not be addressed depending on time limitations.

**August 23, 2018 @2pm EST**
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**September 12, 2018 @2pm EST**
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**October 25, 2018 @2pm EST**
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Forensic ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Internal Auditor Training
September 11-14, 2018, Bakersfield, CA
December 4-7, 2018, Boca Raton, FL

Forensic ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Assessor Training (Testing)
September 30-October 4, 2018, Shreveport, LA*
*hosted by SWAFS
November 5-9, 2018, Long Beach, CA

Forensic ISO/IEC:2017 Assessor Training (Calibration)
September 24-28, 2018, Alexandria, VA

Root Cause Analysis for Forensic Service Providers (Web-based)
July 30-31, 2018 (11am-1pm & 2-4pm ET)

Forensic Measurement Confidence MC100 (Web-based)
August 29-31, 2018 (11am-1pm ET)

ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation for Forensic Agencies
October 8-9, 2018, San Antonio, TX
For a full list of ANAB forensic training courses, visit: https://www.anab.org/training/forensic

WVU Center for Executive Education

The new year is upon us. Invest in yourself in 2018 by attending one of the upcoming programs hosted by the WVU Center for Executive Education

**Forensic Management Academy**
September 9 - 14, 2018
Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office
Pittsburgh, PA

**Lean Six Sigma Certification for Forensic Science Professionals**
March 20 - September 11, 2018
Via online webinar with one face-to-face class held on September 11, 2018 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Pittsburgh, PA at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport.

For more information on the Forensic Management Academy and Lean Six Sigma programs, please visit business.wvu.edu/execed or email Martina Bison-Huckaby at Martina.Bison-Huckaby@mail.wvu.edu.

Recorded Training

**Episode 9 Podcast!!**
Just Blood Spatter

In episode nine of Just Science, funded by the National Institute of Justice’s Forensic Technology Center of Excellence [Award 2016-MU-BX-K110], we spoke with Dr. Marc Smith, from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Smith’s NIJ funded research in blood spatter has connected computational fluid dynamics with empirical studies to improve the understanding of blood spatter onto solid, slanted surfaces. His work looks at many variables, including droplet size, speed, surface roughness and wettability. Listen and Subscribe HERE.

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ASCLD/RTI Backlog Series
Archival versions of the ASCLD/RTI Backlog Series can be found at the following links:

- The Paradox of Backlog Reduction – How Doing Less Can Be Doing More
- Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction
- Managing Customer Expectations and Education
- How to Increase your Staff without Increasing Budget
- Efficiency Improvements
- Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management
- Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines

ASCLD/RTI Rapid DNA Series

Archival versions of the ASCLD/RTI Rapid DNA Series can be found at the following links:

- Rapid DNA: The QAS and NDIS
- Rapid DNA: Arizona DPS and Richland County, SC
- Rapid DNA: Booking Stations and CODIS

ASCLD /RTI DNA Standards and Guidelines Webinar Series

SWGDAM Interpretational Guidelines


Proposed Quality Assurance Standards (QAS) changes